

## REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed **July 12, 2004** the Examiner reviewed claims 1-5, 7-13, 15-21, and 23-48. Claims 1-5, 7-13, 15-21, and 23-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by O'Flaherty et al. (USPN 6,275,824, hereinafter "O'Flaherty") in view of Teijido et al (USPub 2002/0053202, hereinafter "Teijido").

### Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Independent claims 1, 9, 17, 25, 33, and 41 were rejected as being anticipated by O'Flaherty in view of Teijido. Applicant respectfully points out that Teijido teaches away from the present invention. Specifically, Teijido teaches that the system is divided into multiple zones (see Teijido, page 3, paragraph 0037). Moreover, each zone has its own system administrators because "*administrators are considered local users*" (see Teijido, page 1, paragraph 0008). Since each zone has its own system administrators, it implies the absence of a hierarchy of system administrators across the zones. Hence, **Teijido teaches away from a hierarchy of system administrators**. Furthermore, note that, a library administrator is not a system administrator (see Teijido, page 5, paragraph 0065, page 5, paragraph 0066).

In contrast, the **present invention is directed towards specifying a two-level hierarchy of system administrators** (see page 6, lines 9-13). This is because a security officer can perform all the functions of a database administrator, but a database administrator cannot perform all the functions of a security officer (see page 6, lines 9-13, page 7, lines 3-11, page 7, lines 19-23, page 8, lines 14-20). Note that the two-level hierarchy is *required* in order to reduce the administrative burden (see page 7, lines 12-18).

Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 9, 17, 25, 33, and 41 to clarify that the present invention has a hierarchy of system administrators. These amendments find support in page 6, line 9 through page 8, line 20 of the instant application.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 9, 17, 25, 33, and 41 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-5 and 7-8, which depend upon claim 1, claims 10-13 and 15-16, which depend upon claim 9, claims 18-21 and 23-24, which depend upon claim 17, claims 26-32, which depend upon claim 25, claims 34-40, which depend upon claim 33, and claims 42-48, which depend upon claim 41, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.


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**CONCLUSION**

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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